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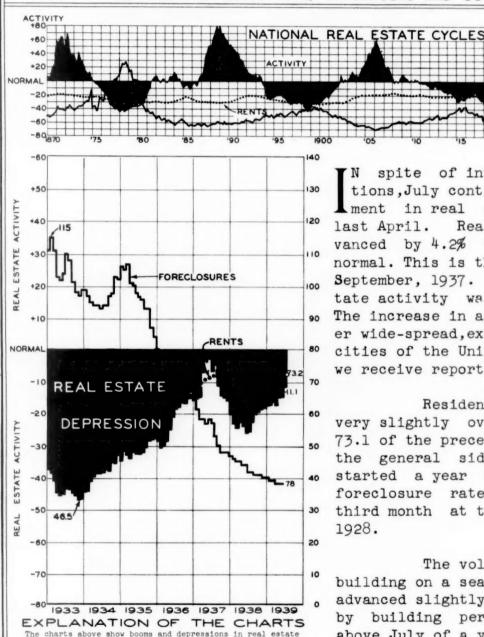
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FORECLOSURES ARENTS

A concise easily digested periodic analysis based upon scientific research in real estate fundamentals and trends....Constantly measuring and reporting the basic economic factors responsible for changes in trends and values.....Current Studies.....Surveys.....Forecasts

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The charts above show booms and depressions in real estate from 1870 to the present. The large black areas above the line represent the real estate booms and the black areas below the line represent the real estate depressions.

The level of residential rents, indicated by the dotted red line, is charted, not as a percentage above or below a normal line, but as an index (1926 100) from the bottom of the chart and is read on the right hand scale, as is the index of the number of foreclosures per month per 100,000 families, shown by the solid red line. The lower chart is the last six years of the upper chart enlarged to show monthly fluctuations.

In spite of international complications, July continued the upward movement in real estate which started last April. Real estate activity advanced by 4.2% to a level 11.1% below normal. This is the highest point since September, 1937. A year ago, real estate activity was 25.2% below normal. The increase in activity has been rather wide-spread, extending to most of the cities of the United States from which we receive reports.

Residential rents increased very slightly over the final figure of 73.1 of the preceding month, continuing the general sidewise movement which started a year and a half ago. The foreclosure rate continued for the third month at the lowest point since 1928.

The volume of new residential building on a seasonally adjusted basis advanced slightly in July as measured by building permits, to a point 39% above July of a year ago. Building material prices dropped slightly, and are now at the lowest point since 1936. We believe they will go slightly lower in the next few months as a result of government pressure. They cannot be held down, however, for any great length of time.

## BUILDING MATERIAL STOCK PRICES

J JE receive from time to time, requests for information on the common stocks of various manufacturers of building materials. We have long wondered, ourselves, just how some of them have behaved over a period of years. In an effort to find out, we have studied the weekly fluctuations of twenty representative stocks from 1932 to the present. Most of these stocks are now listed on the New York Stock Exchange, although in the past a number of them were on the Curb. The ones we have selected in alphabetical order are:

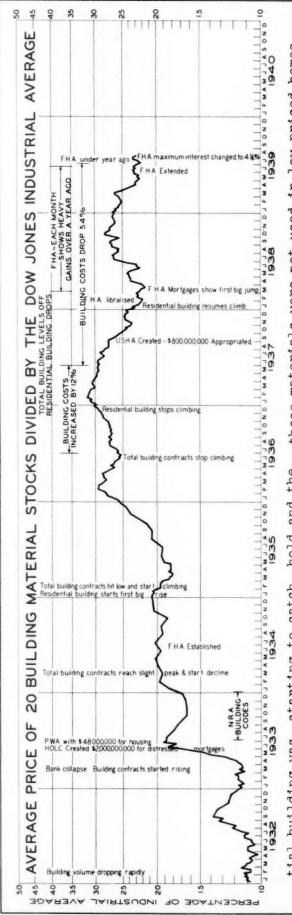
American Rad. & Stand. Sanitary Corp. Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. The Celotex Corp. Certain-teed Products Corp. Crane Company Devoe & Raynolds Company, Inc. The Flintkote Company The Glidden Company Holland Furnace Company Johns-Manville Corp.

Long-Bell Lumber Corp. Minn.-Honeywell Regulator Co. Otis Elevator Company Penna. - Dixie Cement Corp. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. The Ruberoid Company U. S. Gypsum Company Walworth Company Lehigh Portland Cement Company Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.

In our opinion, the best way to measure the fluctuations of any particular stock over a period of time is to divide it by the Dow-Jones average of industrial stock prices. This has the effect of removing the fluctuations caused by the general fluctuations of the market. stock to fluctuate in the same ratio as the general market, the results of this division charted would yield a horizontal straight line. other hand, a rising line would indicate a stock which was gaining in price in relation to the market and a falling line a stock which was losing. These twenty stocks are charted on pages 182 to 185 in this report. On the chart the various lines are identified with stock ticker symbols. A key to these symbols will be found following the individual curves charted. (To carry this chart on for any stock, merely divide the high quotation for the week by the high of the Dow-Jones industrial average for the week; then divide the low quotation for the week by the low of the Dow-Jones average, and average the two results.)

The chart on the opposite page shows an arithmetic average of the behavior of the twenty stocks as charted on the long spread. This chart has been annotated to show various factors affecting building in an effort to explain some of the rises and falls in the line.

It is natural that building stocks should be low in relation to the average of industrial stocks in 1932 as building had then been declining for four years and had reached microscopic volume. Shortly after the bank collapse, however, total contracts for building started to show improvement and building stocks rose slightly from the very low levels of 1932. This rise was probably helped by the hope that the NRA would succeed in its effort "to prevent business being done below cost" but the principle effect of the NRA was to raise costs and shut off any great volume of building for a year or so longer. By the spring of 1935 residen-



tial building was starting to catch hold and the stock market started realizing this by the middle of the year and building stocks rose quite rapidly for about eight months.

By the middle of 1936, however, building costs started rising and they rose so rapidly that they shut off considerable building volume in much the same fashion as the NRA did in 1933 and 1934. By the end of 1936 it was apparent that the steam was out of the rise in residential building and for the next thirteen months building material stock prices sagged heavily in relation to the rest of the market.

The change in the FHA mortgage requirements in February, 1938 allowing 90% loans for 25 years on homes costing \$6000 or less, resulted in a rapid increase in the building of low priced homes. This, however, did not help many of the manufacturers of more expensive building materials as

these materials were not used in low priced homes. It was responsible, in a large part, for the moderate rise in the average of building material stocks in the second half of 1958. During 1959 the trend has been for building material stock prices to sag in comparison with the general market.

If "war scare No. 57" is now over the rise in the stock market may be greater in many industrial stocks than in some of the building stocks, as the building outlook for this fall and winter is quite clouded at the present time. It is impossible to determine just what effect the antitrust actions, which are planned for this fall, will have on the public's desire to build. It is entirely possible that the attendant publicity may lead the prospective builder to think that by waiting he can secure lower prices. We will be quite surprised if building material stock prices rise in comparison with the industrial average during the part few months.

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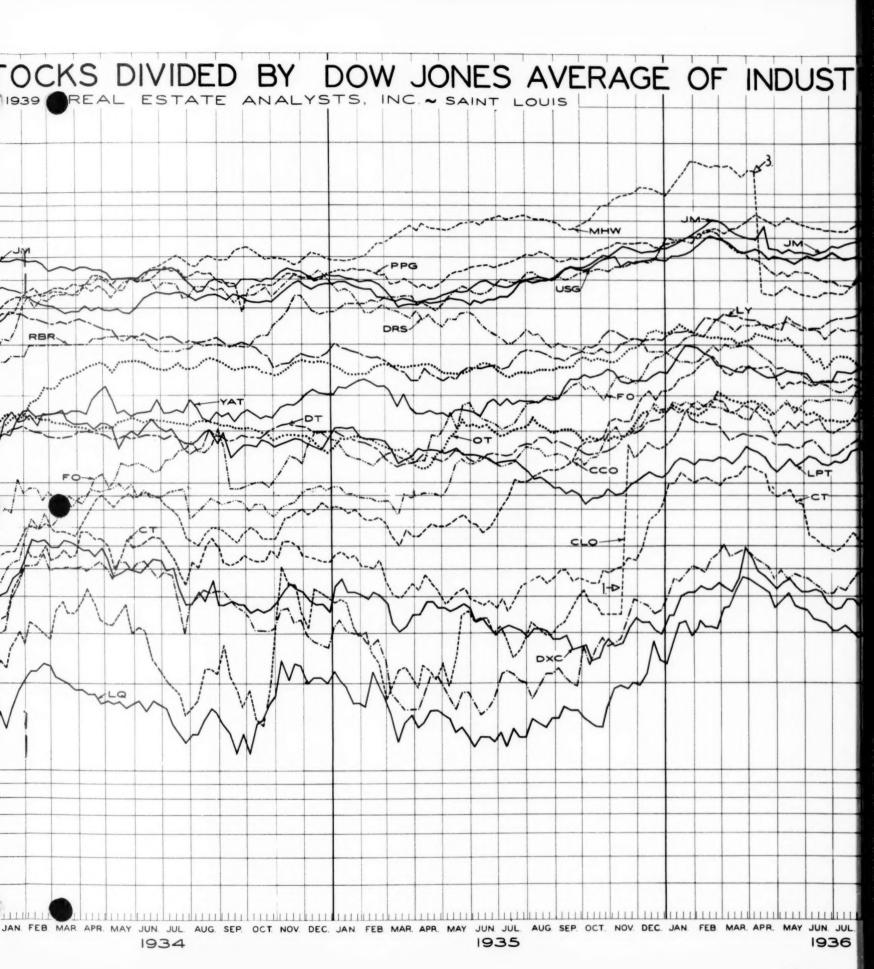
# RANKING OF METROPOLITAN AREAS ACCORDING TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDING VOLUME IN 1938

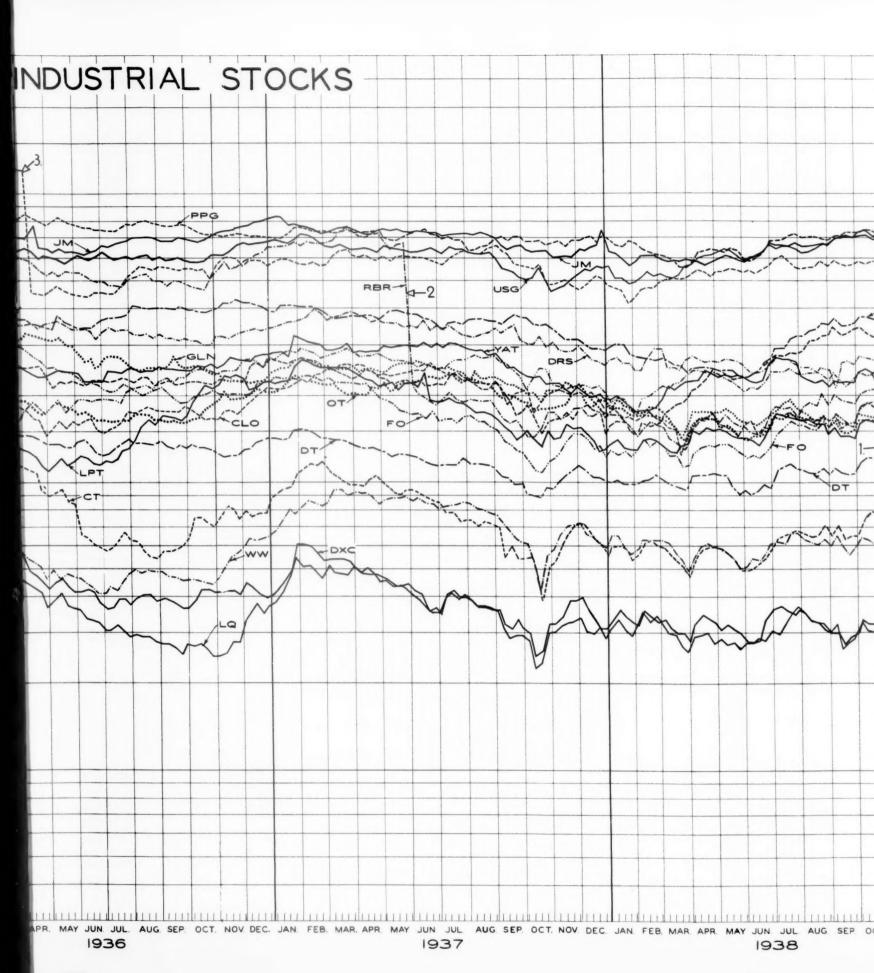
The table below shows the ranking of the ninety-six leading metropolitan areas in the volume of residential building in 1938 in comparison with their ranking in population in 1930, the last federal census figures available. All building is expressed in terms of the total number of new family accommodations provided.

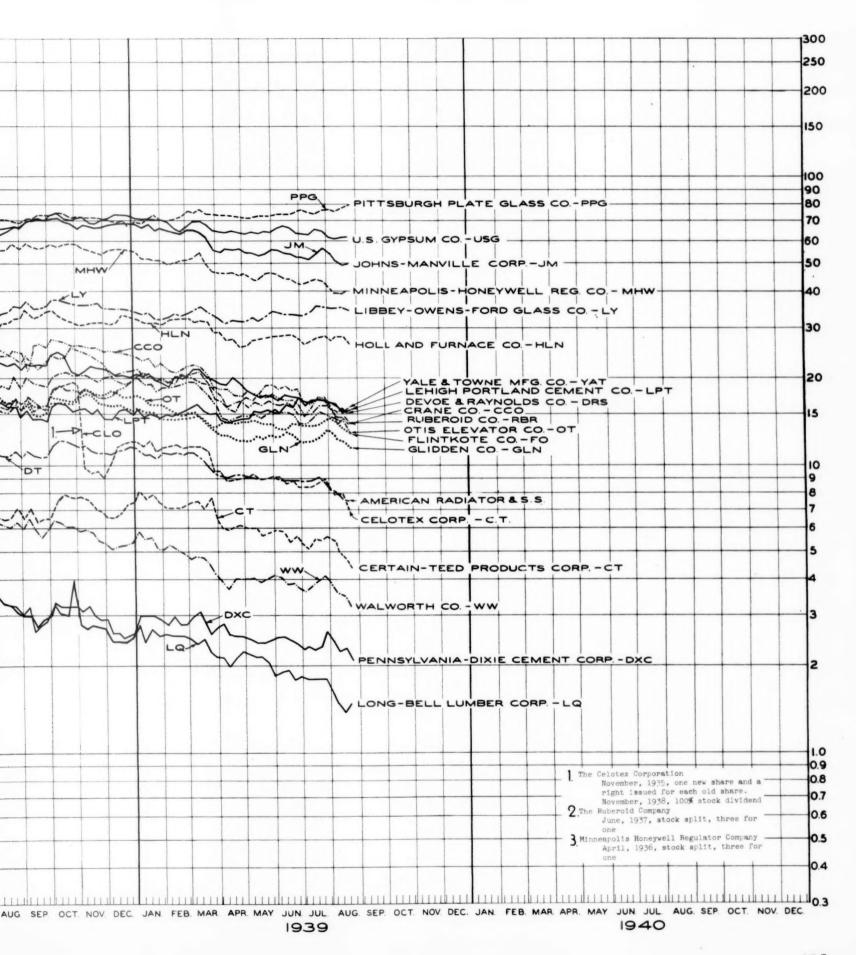
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2	Detroit	8,993	8,612	336	45	2,104,764	9	51	Dev
4	San Francisco-Oakland	7,508	6,395	582	531	1,290,094	6	52	Des
5	Washington, D. C.	5,144	2,753	35	2,356	621,059	18	53	Bir
9	Chicago	947.4	4,124	111	511	4,364,755	CU	54	New
-	Philadelphia	4,415	3,798	55	562	2,847,148	2	55	Spr
an	Houston	3,989	3,028	478	483	339,216	35	56	Nes
6	Boston	3,510	2,690	199	621	2,307,897	5	57	Kan
10	Miami	3,223	2,181	287	755	132,189	79	58	Oma
11	St. Louis	3,151	2,147	185	819	1,293,516	80	59	Day
12	Minneapolis-St. Paul	2,855	2,383	89	404	832,258	13	8	Hun
13	Dallas	2,684	2,100	374	210	309,658	36	61	WOL
14	Pittsburgh	2,448	2,085	85	278	1,953,668	7	62	Ser
15	San Diego	2,346	1,930	179	237	181,020	29	63	You
16	Baltimore	2,339	1,515	98	756	243,247	12	79	Har
17	Cincinnati	1,967	1,209	231	527	759,464	15	65	Tol
18	Cleveland	1,946	1,788	58	101	1,194,989	10	99	Akr
19	Buffalo-Magara	1,759	744	76	921	820,573	14	29	For
50	Oklahoma City	1,246	456	568	45	202,163	55	88	Wat
21	Providence-Fall River-N. Bedford	1,200	1,133	19	0	963,686	11	9	Sev
22	Indianapolis	1,125	969	280	549	417,685	54	20	Dull
23	Jacksonville	1,120	753	52	322	148,713	17	77	Kno
54	Sacramento	1,073	941	36	96	126,995	03	72	Bin
32	Seattle	1,063	743	54	596	450,663	53	73	WILL
56	Milwaukee	1,048	842	148	58	743,414	16	77	Can
27	Columbus	1,034	795	52	214	340,400	34	75	Gran
28	San Antonio	975	832	87	26	279,271	0	26	El
8	Fort Worth	973	931	28	14	174,575	61	77	Atl
30	Denver	954	762	8	132	330,761	37	78	Lit
31	Portland	934	885	31	21	378,728	8	79	LOW
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33	Hartford	773	684	20	8	471,185	21	81	John
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9	Nev Orleans	699	543	150	0	464 877		88	Eric
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3	Spokene	572	535	14	53	128,798	200	92	Read
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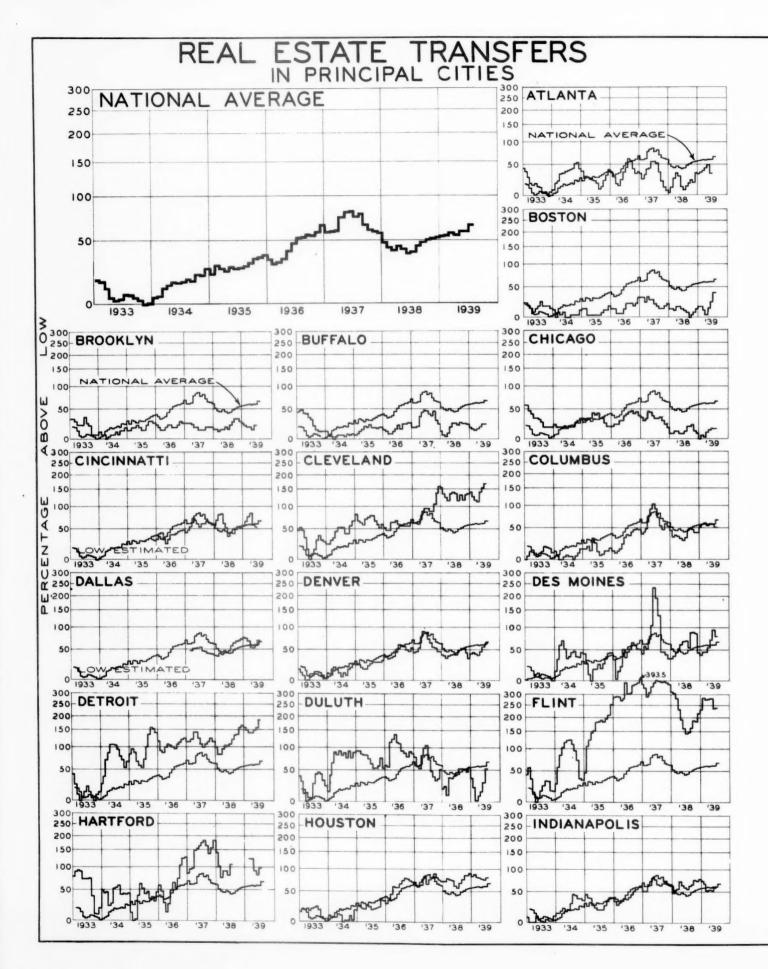
It will be noticed that there is often a wide discrepancy between population ranking and volume of building. The Kansas City area which is 19th in population, is 57th in residential building. San Diego, 59th in population in 1930, was 15th in new building in 1938. California metropolitan areas accounted for 30% of the building in all metropolitan areas outside of New York.

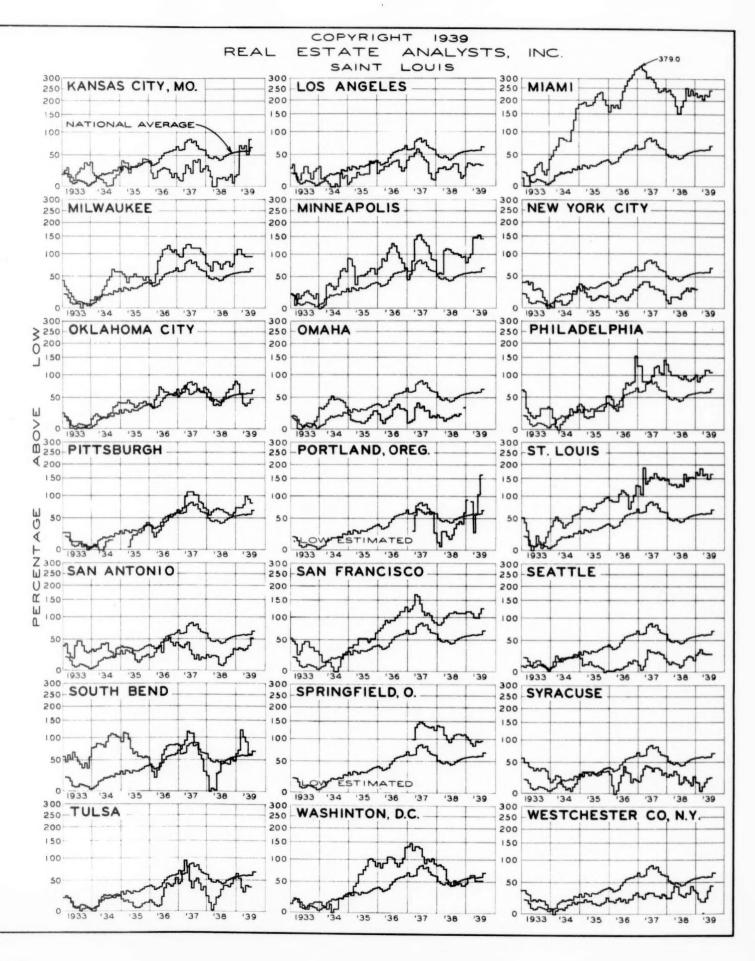
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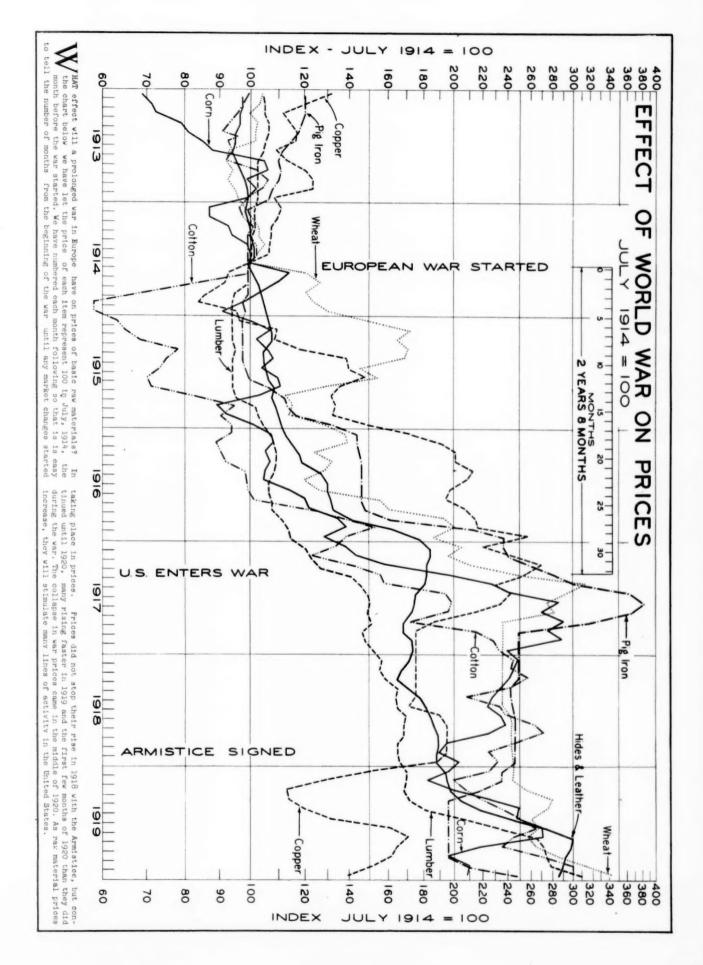


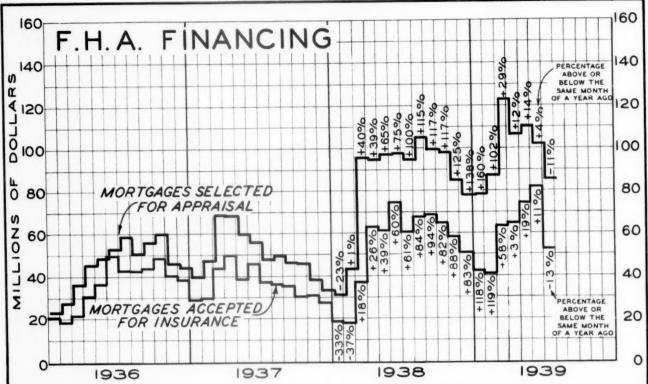
# THE REAL ESTATE ANALYST INDEX OF RESIDENTIAL RENTS

THE table below shows the residential rent figures charted by months on the page opposite. This is the revised index of residential rents which appeared in the Real Estate Analyst for the first time in the February, 1938, issue. All rents are expressed in dollars per month per room. This makes possible a comparitate Analyst.

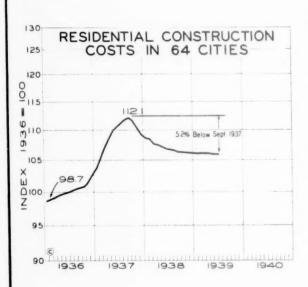
son of rent levels between different cities, and in the same city between heated and unheated units. The twenty six cities selected are typical cities scattered from coast to coast. The method of computing this index is described on page 889 in the February, 1938, Real Estate Analyst.

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55	Atlanta Baltimore Birmingham Boston Chicago	7.53 6.97 6.09 8.03	7.63 6.98 6.11 8.18	7.55 6.96 6.06 8.08	7.64 6.96 6.08 8.08	7.64 7.03 6.10 8.20	7.64 7.05 6.15 8.09	7.49 7.06 6.25 7.93	7.66 7.14 6.25 8.08	7.67 7.02 6.25 8.09	7.64 6.99 6.28 8.10	7.61 6.99 6.24 8.04	7.65 6.99 6.25 8.20	7.69 7.02 6.24 8.34	7.70	7.73 7.08 6.25 8.15	7.80 7.26 6.23
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SINGLE	New Orleans New York Omaha Philadelphia Pittsburgh	12.97 6.42 7.24		6.48	13.15 6.50 7.22	13.00 6.53 7.22	7.90 13.33 6.47 7.28 9.48	13.23 6.41 7.24	13.19 6.36 7.22	7.78 13.17 6.36 7.20 9.51	13.14 6.25 7.17	13.15 6.33 7.11	7.88 13.01 6.38 7.14 9.53	12.92 6.47 7.10	7.10	12.88 6.56 7.05	8.14 12.89 6.58 7.03 9.29
	Richmond Saint Louis Salt Lake City San Francisco Seattle Tulsa	9.59	-	7.91 7.19 9.73 7.06	7.86 7.27 9.77 7.12	7.90 7.30 9.80 7.25	7.86 7.30 9.80 7.22	7.76 7.47 9.80 7.24	7.78 7.58 9.80	7.37 9.83 7.20	7.75 7.38 9.85 7.22		7.86 7.41 9.95 7.13	7.95 7.53 9.82 7.48	7.96 7.60 9.82	8.09 7.75 9.82 7.50	
	National Index	11.63	11.65	11.64	11.67	11.80	11.82	11.82	11.88	12.00	11.92						11.92
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STMENT UNIT	Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Denver Detroit	12.73 11.44 12.80	12.95	12.80 11.48 12.82	12.78 11.58 12.88	12.82 11.61 13.10	12.73 11.51 13.20	12.66	12.51 11.50 13.21	12.58 11.32 13.22	12.60 11.21 13.22	12.73 11.15 13.17	12.75 11.03 13.05	12.77 11.09 13.10		12.70 11.10 13.10	12.68
	Houston Kansas City Los Angeles Milwaukee Minneapolis	6.91 13.63 10.62	6.80	6.87	6.90 3 13.33 10.58	6.95 13.38 10.65	7.00 13.27 10.70	7.04 13.24	6.99 13.40	7.00 13.56 10.81	7.00 13.57 10.82	6.99 13.37 10.75	7.08 13.24	7.09 13.08 10.69	11.14 7.06 13.01 10.63 10.02	7.03 12.82 10.68	10.70
HEATED	New Orleans New York Omaha Philadelphia Pittsburgh	18.87 10.27 14.10	19.02	19.10 10.40 14.20	19.20	19.40	19.53	19.25	19.57 10.77 14.27	19.53	19.52 10.89 14.31	19.49 10.98 14.21	19.47 3 10.98	19.41	10.25 19.46 11.37 13.95	19.67 11.50	19.80 11.50 13.93
	Richmond Saint Louis Salt Lake City San Francisco Seattle	10.43	3 10.34 3 10.50 9 13.14	10.30	10.69	10.41	10.49	10.50	10.60	10.65	10.63	10.65	10.66	10.59	13.59	10.61	10.59





For the first month in seventeen, "mortgages selected for appraisal" showed a drop in comparison with a year ago, and for the first month in sixteen, "mortgages accepted for insurance" showed a drop. In July "mortgages selected for appraisal" totaled \$84,159,000 in comparison with \$94,175,000 in July of a year ago, a loss of 11%. "Mortgages accepted for Insurance" in July of this year totaled \$52,603,000, a loss of 13% from the figure of \$60,419,000 for July of a year ago.

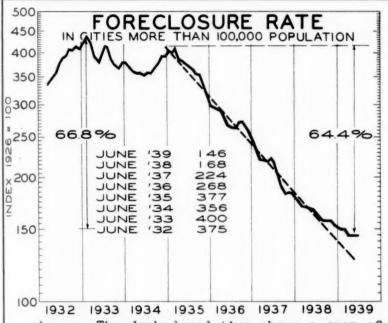


THE chart to the left shows the monthly fluctuations in the cost of building a six room frame residence averaged for sixty-four of the principal cities of the United States.

This index is computed by Real Estate Analysts, Inc., from cost figures accumulated by the local field men of the construction division of the Home Owners Loan Corporation. It includes one hundred and ten material items and nine major labor items. It also includes compensation insurance, general overhead, and 10% for contractor's profit. It does not include ar-

chitect's fees, building permit fees, financing costs or sales cost.

The figure for July is 105.8, or in other words, 5.8% above the average cost in 1936. It is 5.2% below the peak cost for the recovery period of 112.1 reached in September, 1937.

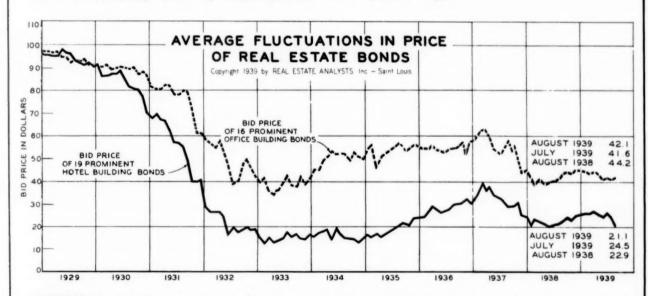


HE chart to the left shows the monthly fluctuations in the foreclosure rate in cities having more than 100,000 population. This chart is corrected for seasonal fluctuations, and is based the compilations made the HOLC. The dashed line in red shows the trend at which foreclosures have been dropping during the past four years.

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June which is the last figure 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 ure available, shows no change. The dashed red line shows a drop of approximately 25% a year, and it will be noticed that the actual drop since the first part of 1935, has until recently closely approximated this percentage.



HE chart above shows the average fluctuations in the bid prices of office and hotel building bonds. Office building bonds showed a slight rise, and hotel bonds continued the drop of the previous month. The buildings used are only those on which quotations can be secured monthly. The office building list includes the following: Broadway Motors, Bryant Park, Bush Terminal, Carbide and Carbon, Chesebrough, Chrysler, Cleveland Terminal, Equitable (N.Y.), Graybar, Grant, Liggett, One LaSalle Street, Postum, Textile, Wanamaker (Phila.), Woodbridge. hotel list includes the following: Bowman-Biltrore, Eastern Ambassador Hotel, Eppley Hotels, George Washington Hotels, Hotel Lexington, Hotel Sherman, Hotel St. George, LaSalle Hotel, Lord Baltimore, National Hotel of Cuba, Palace Hotel (San Francisco), Park Central Hotel, Pitts Hotel, Savoy-Plaza, Sevilla-Biltmore, Sherry-Netherland, Stevens Hotel, Waldorf-Astoria.